

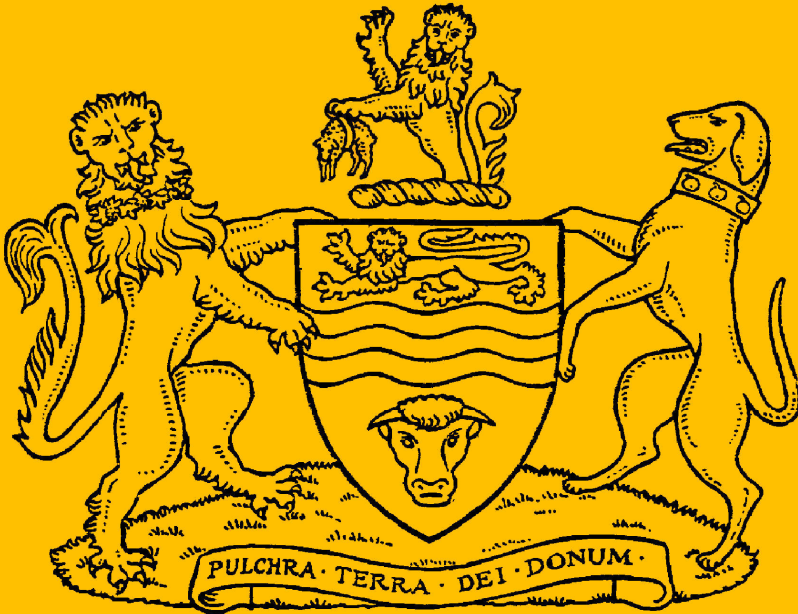
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Editor's Report

Here we are again, by the time you are reading this it will be October, the autumn for us in the northern hemisphere. Winter is on the way and we seem to be getting all that rain that has eluded us all summer.

So things are changing, in more ways than one. The UK banks are now moving to charging 50 pence for every cheque in or out of our accounts. So what does that mean to the society? We do not actually write many cheques of our own, but receiving cheques is a different story. We still receive membership subscriptions by post with a cheque enclosed. In view of the new bank charges, we would ask all members to please consider paying via our online shop at www.herefordshirefhs.org.uk

There is a more detailed explanation see page 62.

Following my appeal for articles in the last edition of Herefordiensis, I can confirm that I have now received articles for this edition, with a few to spare. However there is always room for more.

You may also have noticed that because I have received a surge of articles, we have been able to go back to 32 pages - long may this continue. A big thanks to those who have made this possible.

Zoom meetings have been slightly problematic in the last couple of months. There have either been problems with not being able to hear the speaker or last-minute cancellations.

However we continue to host the zoom meetings throughout this year and into 2026. If you have any suggestions for topics or speakers, please pass them onto Norman Price at [**normanp.price@live.co.uk**](mailto:normanp.price@live.co.uk)

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Chairman's Report

As I write this report for the Autumn journal it is hard to feel the coming cold, as at present we are in a heatwave of temperatures in the mid 20 degrees C.

However, like time, the seasons continue, and it will soon be time to start, restart or finally complete (never!) your research.

Some of you who have placed orders on our society website at www.herefordshirefhs.org.uk may have had a problem.

Like all of us the website is getting old, slow and stroppy. (Perhaps not all of us!).

The committee have taken the decision to replace the old system with a more modern looking replacement. All the existing features will still be available but a 'spring clean' of some of the less used information will mean a faster, cleaner site. Any suggestions on the makeup of the new site would be appreciated and can be passed to our editor, Phil. His e-mail address is on the first page of the 'Herefordiensis'.

Next year (less than 4 months away) the Herefordshire Histories Fair will be repeated, with over 100 local events expected over the week. Other society fairs will be attended as Phil and Heather think suitable.

A full program of talks has now been finalised for the coming year so read our 'Herefordiensis' journal for details.

May I wish all our society members a Merry Christmas and a good New Year.

Alan Charles
Acting Chairman Herefordshire F.H.S.
Membership No. 268

Births, Marriages & Deaths - 1923

Items from the Hereford Journal with corrections from other sources.

Alan Charles.

February 1923

16.

REES, Ethel of New House Farm, Lucton. Aged 39 years.

SHEPHERD, William Robert (Rev.) of Swinmore House, Madley. Aged 86 years.

17.

CROSSAN, John Joseph at General Hospital. Scalded in hot water bath at St Elizabeth Children Home, Bullingham. Aged 3 years. Coroner Verdict – Accidental Death.

DAVIES, Caroline at 50 Eign Road, Hereford. Aged 83 years.

JONES, Catherine Susan at 4 Mill Terrace, Friar Street, Hereford. Aged 76 years.

MORRIS, Francis George at 32 Newmarket Street, Hereford. Aged 21 months.

18.

GRIFFITHS, Ruth at Abergavenny. Aged 57 years.

HODGES, Sarah Louisa at Kingsholme Road, Gloucester. Aged 52 years.

ANDREWS, Rebecca 93 East Street, Hereford. Aged 81 years.

19.

HARDWICKE, Benjamin Charles (PC 58) at Kingsland. Heart problem. Aged 38 years.

BOTT, John at Upper Hill Farm, Breinton. Died from septic pneumonia. Aged 62 years.

EMERY, Doris May at General Hospital, Hereford. Aged 23 months.

JONES, Francis Ernest at 21 Green Street, Hereford. Aged 18 months.

21.

WALCH, Harry West at 10 Westfaling Street, Hereford. Aged 58 years.

CROSS, Robert of Kyrle Street, Hereford. Aged 81 years.

22.

HUGHES, Henry at Pontypridd, formerly of Madley. Aged 62 years.

ROGERS, Charles at 11 Westfaling Street, Hereford. Aged 66 years.

23.

JONES, James at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 51 years.

24.

BROWN, Kenneth Bertram at Millbrook Street, Hereford. Aged 5 years.

BROOKS, James of Hope-under Dinmore. Killed in a mining accident at North Blaina. Aged 45 years.

BROOKS, Arthur James of Hope-under-Dinmore. Killed in a mining accident at North Blaina. Aged 19 years.

26.

POWELL, Louisa at Ivington. Aged 56 years.

BRIGHT, Ruth of Hereford Terrace, Leominster. Aged 14 years.

STANLEY, J H of 81 South Street, Leominster. Aged 67 years.

DAVIES, Emma at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 79 years.

EVANS, Susanna at 86 Chandos Street, Hereford. Aged 85 years.

WALLACE, Arthur William at 46 Bath Street, Hereford. Aged 19 years.

27.

TRAINER, Jean at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 7 days.

28.

ADAMS, William of Pengwerne, Church Road, Hereford. Aged 69 years.

HALLAHAN, Daniel (Canon) of Belmont Abbey, Hereford. Aged 73 years.

March 1923.

MARRIAGE.

15.

At Hereford Baptist Chapel of Gilbert James HALL of Cross Cottage, Credenhill to Edith Blanche MERRETT of 15 Garden City, Hereford. [Photo. 31/03/1923]

19.

At the Priory Church, Leominster of Thomas Herbert HICKS of Farringdon, Berks. to Constance WILLIAMS of West Street, Leominster.

At New York of Thomas G GREGORY (late of Hereford) to Agnes May MILLS of 43 Chandos Street, Hereford.

DEATH.

1.

WATSON, William at St Mary's House, Ross. Ironmonger. Aged 67 years.

2.

TUCKER, George (Capt.) of Marlbrooke Villa, Leominster. Aged 74 years.

GREEN, Alice at Littledean. Aged 79 years.

4.

JAY, Thomas of Great Western Inn, Commercial Road, Hereford. Sudden death. Aged 55 years. Coroner Verdict – Heart failure.

5.

BARNES, Doris Mabel at 3 North View Villa, Grandstand Road. Aged 7 years.

March 1923

7.

RICKETTS, Daniel at Coleford. Burned by a home-made pot fire. Aged 79 years.
Coroner Verdict – Death from bronchitis and shock.

8.

FARR, James (Alderman) at Bryn Glas, Leominster. Aged 78 years.
WEAVER, Fanny Weaver at 1 Myrtle Villas, Ashfield, Ross. Aged 84 years.
TRUSS, Mary at 30 Mill Street, Hereford. Aged 18 months.

9.

BRISLAND, Helena Jane of Kings Capel. Aged 56 years.

10.

LANE, Harriett Ada at Truants Court, Hereford. Aged 4 months.

12.

GRIFFITHS, James Thomas at 23 High Street, Ross. Aged 68 years.

13.

DAVIES, George Lloyd of Venmore, Dilwyn. Aged 79 years.

14.

JENKINS, Elizabeth at Kingstone. Aged 86 years.

15.

HEAVEN, William of Royal Oak, Drybrook. Aged 60 years.

16.

THOMAS, Frederick Roach Thomas at Cardiff, formerly of Gloucester Road,
Ross. Aged ..

17.

WOOD, Ada Blanche at Eardisland. Aged 45 years.
BACH, Gwendolyn of Wintercott, Ivington. Aged 22 years.

18.

BEAVAN, Thomas at Dewchurch. Aged 78 years.

19. MINETT, Jane at 3 Mostyn Street, Hereford. Aged 62 years.

21. BRASH, James of Eigne Villa, Hampton Park. Aged 81 years.

22. HUFF, Christopher Bernard at 14 Barrs Court Place, Hereford. Aged 8m.

25. GAMMAGE, Percival Wilfred at King Street, Hereford. Aged 9 years.
SAINT, Charles at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 74 years.

26. Evans, Margaret of Fer Leigh Cottage, Little Birch. Fell down stairs. Aged 82 years. Coroner Verdict – Death due to old age, septicaemia and heart failure.
PHILLIPS, Eliza Mary at Cattle Market Street, Hereford. Aged 79 years.

28. JONES, Rose Alice at 15 Cotterell Street, Hereford. Aged 15 years.
GRIFFITHS, Arthur of Lion Row, Ewyas Harold. Killed by fall of stone at a quarry. Aged 57 years. Coroner Verdict - ...

MEMORIAM.

26.

HILES, Edgar V killed in action at Gaza, Palestine.

APRIL 1923.

BIRTH.

2. MACHIN, a son to Frank and wife at Cradock House, Bodenham Road, Hereford.

MARRIAGE.

2. At Baptist Chapel, Commercial Road, Hereford of Charles Henry HARDING of Rockfield Farm, Rockfield Road to Violet May GARRETT of 17 Bryngwyn Terrace, Hereford.

At All Saints Church, Hereford of Charles B HAYNES of Ludlow to Evelyn F COTTERELL of 72 Newtown Road, Hereford.

At St Nicholas Church, Hereford of John Palmerston HEWER of Anfield, Liverpool to Florence Josephine Ada CHAMBERLAINE of Wyebridge House, Bridge Street, Hereford.

At St James' Church, Hereford of Lawrence Godfrey TURNER to Gladys Rose PERKINS of 79 Park Street, Hereford.

3. At Baptist Chapel, Commercial Road, Hereford of William John HARDING of Rockfield Farm, Rockfield to Gertrude Alice WILLIAMS of 82 Eign Road, Hereford.

At All Saints Church, Hereford of Ivor PRICE of the Three Horseshoes, Velindre to Doris Mary JOHNSTON of Belmont Road, Hereford.

DEATH.

5.

WATTS, H mr of Caswall Crescent, Leominster. Aged 65 years.

6.

BIDDULPH, Michael (Lord) at Ledbury Park. Aged 89 years.

Alan Charles. Acting Chairman. Membership No 268

A call to move Online for Herefordshire FHS Members

Introduction

The Herefordshire Family History Society (FHS) has always stood on tradition, and a shared passion for uncovering the stories embedded in our county's past. Our members, spread across Herefordshire and beyond, are the very lifeblood of our society, and every effort we make is aimed at improving your experience and supporting your research.

As we continue to evolve, so too must the ways in which we interact and operate, especially when it comes to managing your membership. Today, we are reaching out with an important request: we kindly ask all members to transition from paying membership fees by cheque to using our secure, convenient online shop.

Why move away from cheque payments?

For many years, payments by cheque have been the norm. However, as times change, so do our collective needs and the technology available to meet them. In particular, we have been informed by our bank that from 13th November 2025, onwards, all cheque transactions will incur a 50 pence charge,.

So if you have previously paid by cheque, we are asking you to use our secure web shop to pay your subscription for at **www.herefordshirefhs.org.uk/shop/**

There are several reasons for this transition:

Security and Safety: Cheques, while familiar, are not immune to loss, theft, or fraud. By contrast, our online payment system employs robust security protocols, including encrypted transactions and regular monitoring, to ensure your personal and financial information is protected at every step.

Efficiency: Processing cheques is a time-consuming task for our Membership Secretary. Each cheque must be received, recorded, deposited, and reconciled manually. Online payments, on the other hand, are instant; your membership is updated in real time, and you receive immediate confirmation via email.

Cost Savings: Each cheque incurs costs, not only the price of physical cheques and stamps, but also bank fees and the hidden expenses of time spent handling paper. Every penny saved means more resources can be directed towards the society's core activities: research, events, publications, and support for members.

Accessibility: Our online shop is open 24/7, allowing you to renew your membership or purchase publications at your convenience, wherever you are in the world. No need to worry about posting deadlines, bank holidays, or lost paperwork. The process is fast, straightforward, and tailored to your needs.

I do not own a computer or smartphone. What are my options?

While online payment is preferred, we understand that some members may not have access to digital devices. In these cases, please contact our membership secretary. We will do our best to accommodate your needs while encouraging as many members as possible to move online.

Is online payment safe?

Absolutely. Our system uses industry-standard encryption and your details are never stored or shared outside of the transaction. We continually review and update our security measures to provide complete peace of mind.

How will I know my payment has been received?

Online payments generate instant confirmation. You'll receive an email receipt and your membership status will be updated immediately. No waiting for post or worrying about cheque clearance times.

Can I pay for other items, such as publications?

Yes! Our online shop is designed to handle a wide range of purchases, from membership renewals to monumental inscriptions and marriage indexes.

Supporting Our Society's Future

This move towards online payments is not just a matter of convenience; it is an investment in the future of Herefordshire Family History Society. By streamlining our administrative processes, we free up resources to focus on what truly matters - preserving and sharing Herefordshire's family history, expanding our collections, and providing even greater support to our members.

We understand that change can be daunting, especially when it means leaving behind familiar routines. However, we are confident that this transition will be smooth, beneficial, and ultimately rewarding for everyone involved.

A Personal Appeal

We encourage you to try out the online shop for your next renewal. If you haven't yet used it, there's no better time to make the switch.

And if you have questions—no matter how small, please contact us. We are here, as ever, to help.

We obviously will still accept payment by cheque, but we hope many will move to the webshop option.

NBI Volunteers

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW CHALLENGE FOR 2025 ?

Are you interested in family and local history?

Do you want to participate in a national project that facilitates easier research both nationally and globally for people trying to find their ancestors?

Can you spare two hours per month to visit HARC in Hereford to work on original parish registers and bishops transcripts, transcribing and checking the documents?

IF THE ANSWER TO THE ABOVE IS YES THEN WHY NOT JOIN OUR SMALL BAND OF DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS WORKING ON PARISH REGISTERS FROM 1536 TO 1812? TO SUCCEED IN THIS ROLE YOU WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING SKILLS AND ATTRIBUTES:

Patience and enjoyment in studying and resolving what the Parish Clerk wrote all those years ago. The desire to work in and with a small group of like-minded people. A knowledge of written Latin would be great but is not essential.

You will learn as you go, I promise! I can assure you we also have plenty of registers in modern English and lots of experts willing to help the beginner.

Keyboard skills are not essential as the recording can be done with a pencil and a piece of A4 lined paper, but it is fine if you want to bring along your laptop and key the data into our excel pro-forma.



Our group re-formed after Covid and we have been very successful in forwarding to the National Federation of Family History Society 34,608 records since July 2021. We meet every month at HARC, in Rotherwas, Hereford, on the first Friday at 4.00 pm until 6.00 pm.

If you think this could be of interest to you then contact me, Linda Lloyd, Project Co-ordinator by email at:

linda_lloyd@btinternet.com

National Burials Indexing at HARC
(Latest submission to FMP, and further submissions below)

Place	Denomination	No	Start	End
Cradley	St James the Great	810	1776	1812
Felton	St Michael the Archangel	44	1794	1812
Garway	St Michael	130	1790	1812
Hope Mansel	St Michael	107	1762	1805
How Caple	St Andrew & St Mary	11	1806	1812
Holmer	St Bartholomew	394	1760	1812
Hope under Dinmore	St Mary the Virgin	394	1754	1812
Hampton Bishop	St Andrew	205	1793	1812

If you would like to come along and help contact Linda Lloyd on her email at linda_lloyd@btinternet.com

Currently we have submitted 135 register transcripts to be added to FMP

Alternatively if you are available to help in the week and would prefer to help checking of the Baptisms index, contact Alan Charles on his email at ajchome@sky.com

Both projects need your help and more hands make light work, especially if you are able to help with the Baptisms index as that is only checking.

ABELL	SARAH	24/10/1819	JOHN	ANN	KENTCHURCH
ABELL	SARAH	05/11/1826	JOHN	ELEANOR	MUCH COWARNE
ABELL	SARAH ANN	13/08/1882	WILLIAM	CLARA ANN	HOPE MANSELL
ABELL	SARAH ELIZABETH	28/07/1832	JAMES	ELIZABETH	MUCH COWARNE
ABELL	THOMAS	10/03/1843	JOHN	ELIZA AMELIA	HEREFORD ST PETER
ABELL	THOMAS	23/04/1886	WILLIAM	CLARA ANN	HOPE MANSELL

An example of the Baptisms transcripts

The Whitecross Chronicles No: 14



Fayre Oakes, was a substantial property on the south side of King's Acre Road. Fayre Oakes now gives its name to a residential caravan park off King's Acre Road which has been in existence for over 40 years and to Fayre Oakes Green and Fayre Oakes Road which are private housing.

There was a quarry at Fayre Oakes which provided stone for the building of the nave of Holy Trinity Church in 1885. (*The History of The Parish Church of Holy Trinity Hereford* pub.1910 page 10). Part of the new housing looks as if it might have been built in the quarry.

On 13th July 1900, the parish magazine (at HARC) records a Sunday School visit to Fayre Oakes when 180 scholars and 14 teachers were superintended by Mrs Oakeley and Miss Mary Oakeley: *'We are most grateful to them and also to Miss Ashworth for so kindly lending us the field for the 6th year in succession.'* The field must have also been used on the 21st July 1898 for the Sunday School outing to *'the charming grounds of Fayre Oakes'* and *'it was a pretty sight to see the 200 children full of joy and hope, marching off with their banners flying, accompanied by their teachers, to the chosen spot'*. Just as tea is served a steady rain falls down and after three cheers to Miss Ashworth all are told *'to get home as soon as they could'*.

There are plans for an extension to Fayre Oakes at HARC (CC5/1/14) approved in 1910. A kitchen with chimney was planned to be built on the north side of the house and on the ground plan there is a staircase from the kitchen to the sitting-room on the first floor with two small bedrooms next to the sitting-room. The outside elevation shows the timber patterned external design on the exterior which was being continued on the kitchen extension. I could find no other records of Fayre Oakes in the archives.

In the 1901 census the house at Fayre Oakes was occupied by Emily Ashworth (45) 'living on own means', Mary L Shurr (70) a boarder and Clara S Carmther (32) a visitor, as well as a cook, parlourmaid and housemaid. Finding out where Emily came from and went to has been difficult. Newchurch, Lancashire where she was born became a cotton town from about 1770. In the censuses there are several Emily Ashworths who worked as cotton weavers and in 1901 they were certainly not in Hereford. I think I have found the probate record of her death at Vineyard Croft, Hereford on 3 December 1937. She leaves effects worth £15695 to a schoolmaster in London. I have tried to search her connection, but I cannot find one.

I was delighted to find a report in the *Cardigan Bay Visitor* of a holiday in September 1895 at 11 Marine Terrace, which records the '*Misses Ashworth and Croft, Fayre Oaks, Hereford*' staying in Aberystwyth. During the Victorian period Aberystwyth became a popular holiday destination after the arrival of the railway. The railway from Shrewsbury had arrived in 1864 and the one from Camarthen in 1867. Most visitors spent a week or a fortnight and often returned in successive years. Then, the promenade only stretched from the University College to the Queen's Head Hotel. Visitors went to see the castle and could take trips to Monk's Cave, Borth, the Devil's Bridge and Falls and Plynlimon Mountain. Emily Ashworth would not have been the only Hereford resident going to Aberystwyth for a holiday and it is wonderful to find a record of this.

In the census years either side of the 1901 census Edwin Evans-Edwards and his wife Mary Maria are living at Fayre Oakes. In 1911 Edwin (66), born at Kinner-ton, Radnorshire is a 'Retired Civil Engineer & Estate Agent' and his wife Mary Maria (64) born at Rugeley, Staffs, have with them a cook, parlour maid and housemaid. Edwin advertises his workplace as 35, Broad Street in the 1886 and 1890 Directories and himself as '*architect, estate agent, valuer and surveyor.*' Over the years he seems to advertise himself with a range of skills.

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
1	Edwin Evans - Edward Head	66	Married							(Retired) Civil Engineer & Estate Agent
2	Mary Maria Evans - Edward Head	64	Married	41	2	2				
3	Frances Ann Perkins Servant	23	Single							Domestic Servant (Sarah Head)
4	Esther Ann Webb Servant	22	Single							Domestic Servant (Cook)
5	Flora Ann Webb Servant	19	Single							Domestic Servant (Housemaid)

1911 Census entry

I wonder whether Edwin learnt music from an early age, because at age of 6, he is a boarder staying at 'Holliday Cottage' Kingston with Sarah A Rogers (25) who is a '*teacher of music*'. In 1871 Edwin (26), unmarried, is staying at a lodging house in Hereford and describes himself as an '*Engineer, Farmer of 100 acres employing 7 labourers*'. Living at 16 Venns lane, in 1881, Edwin is married to Mary and they have their two sons Charles Derwent (10) and Edwin Harold (9) both born at Rugeley, Staffs. At Fayre Oakes in the 1891 census, Edwin a "*Civil Engineer & Estate Agent*", Mary and their son Charles (20) a '*medical student*' are at home whereas Edwin their second son, was away having joined the Navy and would become a Captain. In 1921 Edwin (76) and Mary (74) are both living at Castle Hill House, Kingston with three servants and it is here where Edwin dies on 22 August 1927.

Edwin was on the council which was set up by the Vicar of All Saints, Rev Frank Woods, in 1882 to manage the fund raising and building of Holy Trinity Church. The church was designed by F.R. Kempson to be built in stages, the first stage

being the nave which was built from stone from Fayre Oakes quarry. Edwin was churchwarden from 1901- 4 when the parish was established from parts of the parishes of Holmer, All Saints, St John and St Nicholas in 1902 and was a member of the church committee from 1882 -1904. He, with Thomas Carver the other churchwarden oversaw the building of the church and the '*extinction of the debt*'. Edwin's wife Mary supported the work of Alfred Wigley the organist and choir-master by helping to make choir surplices, support concerts and having the members of the choir to their house for a meal.

In October 1916 Mr A.P. Turner is living at Fayre Oakes and is listed as a member of the Holy Trinity church council, but I couldn't find any other record of him on Ancestry.com. As he didn't come up in the census returns I suggest that Edward Evan-Edwards owned the property but let it out periodically.

I also found that Fred Bulmer, the co-founder of Bulmer's cider, lived there while their house in Breinton, 'Adam's Hill', was being built in 1905 (L.P. Wilkinson 'Bulmer's of Hereford'). Perhaps Edwin's description of himself as 'Estate Agent' in 1911 census means that he owned properties which he let out at different times and Fayre Oakes was one of them. Edward Frederick Bulmer had married Sophie Fredericka Rittner in July 1899 in Liverpool. In the 1901 census at Belle Vue, King's Acre, Hereford, Fred and Sophie have one daughter and three servants.

By 1911 the family, including 3 daughters (including twins aged 3mths) and 2 sons, were living at Adam's Hill with one governess, two nurses, one housemaid, one house parlour maid, one nurse maid and a cook. The size of the household perhaps indicates how well the cider business was prospering within the 10 census years. The fact that the family lived at Belle Vue and Fayre Oakes from 1901 – 1911 means that they must have been renting property before Adam's Hill was completed.

Fayre Oakes was the home to some interesting people and its grounds seem to have been well used to support the community. It's a pity that there are no more records of the building and grounds showing what it looked like with photos of the inmates.

Unless any members know better that is ?

Jean Thomson Membership No 3644

Help Wanted

Elizabeth JONES, Emily JONES and Oliver E RICE-JONES.

I am currently carrying out some research into my maternal family history and much of this is rooted in Herefordshire.

My maternal grandfather was called Wilfred Henry JONES, born 1908, Hentland, Hoarwithy Ross on Wye. My grandfather was the illegitimate son of Elizabeth JONES and she had a sister Emily JONES. I have a copy of the birth certificate, though this does not bear the name of the father. Research has led me to believe that my grandfather's father was possibly an Oliver E. RICE-JONES originating from Monmouth.

I would be very grateful to anyone who could provide me with any information about these three people.

Many thanks for any assistance.

Daniel (Dan) Whiteley
Membership No: 3469

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Saturday 9 May 2026 to Monday 25 May 2026.

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Add your 2026 event at the link below.**

<https://herefordshirehistories.org/>

Herefordshire FHS - Renewal of Membership options

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Can anyone tell me more about Ockridge, near Winslow, Bromyard?

From my searches I assume that Ockridge (often also spelt Ockeridge, often in newspaper reports) was a smallholding tenancy. Some census returns quantify it as 12 acres or so. The usual records ranging from 1841 to 1939 were used. It is located, rather remotely, about 35 minutes' walk south of St Andrews church in Bredenbury and is about 3 miles due west of Bromyard, with Winslow in-between.

My interest stems from another long-term project that I am working on. This concerns my maternal grandmother's ancestors John MORRIS (1800-1880) and his wife Mary DOWNES (1803-1880). Their story is more applicable to Shropshire family history. Briefly, they lived their long lives in Nash, Shropshire, which is near Tenbury Wells. They raised eight children born between 1829 and 1847, and at least 50 grandchildren ensued! Trying to research all of these has certainly made it a long-term project.

More applicable to Herefordshire, John MORRIS, his father Thomas MORRIS (1764-1833) and most of his siblings were born and raised in Much Cowarne. Thomas MORRIS married Mary GRIFFITHS in Much Cowarne in 1796. Mary was born in Grendon Bishop in 1770. Before attempting to draw a large chart for the Shropshire MORRIS project, I decided to further research into Thomas and Mary's siblings. It is this that led me to what I think are interesting findings for the Ockridge smallholding.

To complete the introduction, the surnames that I have associated with Ockridge are MORRIS, GRIFFITHS, and DUTSON. There are indirect references to FINCH, SAVAGE, and NEALE family members. As my story develops, I would love to get more informed insights into social histories. For example, how farming families cared for elderly unmarried relatives; how younger children were 'placed' with other relatives, possibly if their parents had died at a young age, or if the families were large. Hopefully the reasons for those questions will become apparent as I relate the stories of the families that lived at Ockridge.

So, in chronological order for Ockridge:

1841 Census 'Oakridge'

Edward GRIFFITHS64	Farmer	Y (Herefordshire)
Mary MORRIS	70+	Y

Notes: Mary nee GRIFFITHS is Edward's sister. She had been married to Thomas MORRIS who died in 1838. They had seven children between 1798 and 1814.

1851 Census

Edward GRIFFITHS	74	Unm	Farmer	Grendon Bishop
Elizabeth MORRIS	18	Unm	NIECE	House Servant Much Cowarne

Notes: Elizabeth is the daughter of William MORRIS who was the 3rd son of Thomas MORRIS and Mary nee GRIFFITHS. So, I think she was actually Edward's great niece.

1861 Census

Edward GRIFFITHS	84	Unm	Farmer	Grendon Bishop
Edward MORRIS	45	Unm	NEPHEW Ag Lab	Much Cowarne
Harriett MORRIS	15	Unm	NIECE Servant	Much Cowarne

Notes: Edward MORRIS is the youngest son of Thomas MORRIS and Mary nee GRIFFITHS. Harriett MORRIS is another daughter of William MORRIS and thus has replaced her sister Elizabeth and is a great niece of Edward GRIFFITHS.

Edward GRIITHS died in Nov 1864 and the index to his will mentions 'Oakridge' and names Edward MORRIS as his nephew.

1871 Census

Edward MORRIS	55	Unm	Labourer	Much Cowarne
Harriett MORRIS	25	Unm	NIECE Labourer	Much Cowarne

Notes: Edward MORRIS is now Head of the household. Harriett is the daughter of his brother William and is his niece.

1881 Census 12 Acres stated

Edward MORRIS	67	Unm	Labourer	Much Cowarne
Harriett MORRIS	34	Unm	NIECE Labourer	Much Cowarne
Clara J MORRIS	5	NIECE		Tenbury

Notes: Edward and Harriett have been joined by another of his nieces. Currently I'm not sure of the details for that relationship.

1891 Census

Edward MORRIS	77	single	Farmer	Much Cowarne
Harriett MORRIS	45	single	NIECE Housekeeper	Much Cowarne
Clara J MORRIS	15	single	NIECE Assistant hk	Tenbury

Edward MORRIS died in Oct 1891 and the index to his will mentions 'Ockeridge' and names Harriett MORRIS as his niece and a spinster.

1901 Census

Harriett MORRIS	55 single	Farmer	Much Cowarne
Edward FINCH	14 single	Servant	Hatfield

Notes: Nothing further known about Edward FINCH

1911 Census

Harriett MORRIS	65 single	Farmer	Much Cowarne
William J SAVAGE	14 single	Servant	Honeybourne

Notes: Nothing further known about William SAVAGE

1921 Census

Harriett MORRIS	75 single	Farmer	Much Cowarne
Clara MORRIS	45 single	NIECE	Farm Assistant
	Tenbury		

Florence NEALE	48 married	VISITOR	Grocery Trade
			Warwickshire

Mildred NEALE	21 single	VISITOR	Home Duties
			Birmingham

Notes: No known family connection with the NEALE family. I can't find a definite record to confirm how Clara is Harriett MORRIS' niece. The age and birth location are consistent with Clara J from the 1881 and 1891 censuses. I haven't found definite locations for her in the interim years.

Harriett MORRIS died in 1924 and the index to her will mentions Ockeridge and an Alfred MORRIS. This is probably Harriett's brother.

1939 Register

Clara MORRIS	64 single	Farmer
Ada DUTSON	51 single	Housekeeper
Elizabeth DUTSON	68 single	Schoolmistress retired

Notes: Elizabeth DUTSON was born in 1871 in Eggleton. Her father was John DUTSON; he married Jane MORRIS (born 1843), the daughter of Thomas MORRIS (1798-1875). Thomas was a sibling of Edward MORRIS. Thomas, aged 71, was also at Eggleton for the 1871 census, and is identified as the father-in-law of John DUTSON. Much Cowarne is Thomas' birthplace.

In previous censuses Ada DUTSON was living with Jane DUTSON (nee MORRIS) in Malvern in 1921. She is Jane's niece, aged 33, single and born in Hereford. In that 1921 census Jane is 78 and widowed and was born in Much Cowarne. Elizabeth DUTSON was 50 and single and was then still employed as an assistant school mistress, having been born in Lower Eggleton.

Briefly, going back to Malvern for the 1911 census, Jane is already a widow aged 60. Elizabeth is 40 and an assistant school mistress. Ada is listed as Jane's niece, aged 22 and is a dressmaker. In 1901, John DUTSON was still alive, aged 64 and born in Yarkhill. His wife Jane is 51. Elizabeth is 30 and Ada is 12 and is stated to be John's niece. The last piece of prior census information is from 1891 and confirms that Ada was born in Hereford.

To conclude, I have a few barriers to break through. These include finding out more about Clara J. MORRIS, and how she fits as a niece (or even as a great niece) in the family relationships provided in the census returns, along with where she may have been between 1891 and 1921. My search to date shows a few possibilities, but I need to firm any of them up.

There are other contemporary Clara MORRISes in the same general locations around the Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Shropshire borders. Indeed, one of them is in my direct line and provides my connection back to the families reported here for Ockridge. To find a common ancestor with them takes me to my 3g-grandfather Thomas MORRIS (1764-1833), as was mentioned in the introduction.

I hope that others may find similarities with their ancestries, as I said, in terms of continuous locations, unmarried family members and younger relatives joining them. As with nearly all of my trees, the example I have written about relates to farming communities. Any other general social history insights would be of interest, I hope.

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A journey through my Herefordshire ancestry
Ian Goodwin

I was born in Birmingham, as were both my parents and all four of my grandparents. I knew from research done by a distant maternal cousin that my mother's family came from Birmingham and Wolverhampton. However my father's ancestry was almost a complete mystery. Consequently at the start of the Covid lockdown I set out to explore this part of my family tree. It's been a fascinating and at times surprising journey which I'll attempt to share with you in this article.

In living memory

My paternal grandfather was **Thomas John Goodwin (b1897)**.

Sadly he died in 1935 when my father was aged one. Obviously Dad had no memory of him. Moreover the recent onset of dementia meant that Dad found it harder to recall the stories about his early life and his relatives. I guess this is a common story - one of our best resources is the memory of the living and when that fails the connection is lost forever. On the positive side my eldest uncle, who died many years ago, had an interest in family history and could remember my grandfather. He had been about 10 years old when his father had died and had imparted a few snippets of information. These were

- his paternal grandfather (my great grandfather) didn't come from Birmingham. He came from "somewhere near Wales" and spoke with a "strange accent". It seems that my paternal great grandfather had "died during the war" and had outlived my grandfather (his eldest son) by a number of years.
- there was a family tradition in the Goodwin family to alternate the given names "John" and "Thomas" when naming their eldest son. My uncle was John Thomas Goodwin, my grandfather Thomas John Goodwin and my great grandfather John Thomas Goodwin. And so on. This became a valuable tool when tracing my ancestry.

There was a story that when my great grandfather came to Birmingham with his parents they left behind his older illegitimate half sister. This girl was the daughter of his mother, my 2x great grandmother, who had been born a number of years before my 2x great grandfather came in the scene. No one knew what became of her and it was presumed she'd died young in their place of origin. And that was it. I had no documents or other information of any kind. The only course open to me was to sign up to a genealogy website.

The Herefordshire connection

The genealogy website was a revelation. Within hours I was able to trace my family history back a number of generations. Since then I've been able to put flesh on the bare bones. In a nutshell I have Herefordian ancestry.

The first ancestor I identified was **John Thomas Goodwin (b1871)**, my great grandfather, was born in Bishops Frome, Herefordshire, in 1871. He was baptised in Bishops Frome the same year but he appears in the 1881 census as living in Aston, Birmingham. He was the eldest of four brothers and their places of birth track the family's movements during the intervening ten years. The census reads

John Goodwin b1871, Bishops Frome, Herefordshire.
Henry Goodwin b1874, Acton Beauchamp, Worcestershire
Edward Goodwin b1876 Treherbert, Glamorganshire
Arthur Goodwin b1881 Aston, Warwickshire

John died in 1943 and is buried in Birmingham.

I suppose that the family were part of the late Victorian migration from the countryside to the cities. Increasing mechanisation of farming meant that the rural workforce was contracting and labourers travelled to the towns in search of employment. I'm guessing that my ancestors went to South Wales as Edward was born in Glamorganshire in 1876 before finally settling in Aston some time before 1881.

Furlong Cottage

John Goodwin's parents (and my 2x great grandparents) were **Thomas John Goodwin (b1848)** and **Jane Hobday (b1842)**. Thomas and Jane were married in 1870 in Bishops Frome and they appear in the 1871 census living in Furlong Cottage, Bishops Frome, with Jane's mother and Mary Ann Hobday (b1863). Mary Ann was Jane's daughter from a previous relationship. I'm almost certain that John was born in Furlong Cottage because, although he doesn't appear in the 1871 census, the census was taken in the year of his birth.

Furlong Cottage doesn't appear on modern maps and the local postman didn't know of it. However I was able to locate the cottage using the 1871 census. To do this I compared the census entries for the households on the same pages as Furlong Cottage with a modern Ordnance Survey map. A few prominent buildings on the modern map appeared in the census.

Using these as reference points I was able to trace the route of the census taker through the Bishops Frome area. I walked the route with a copy of the census and found that roughly half of the present buildings had retained their 1871 names. The sequence was enough for me to be confident that Furlong Cottage was now named "Firland Cottage". Moreover the building next to it now known as "The Old Forge" was a smithy in the 1871 census. I'd found my ancestral home!

The present day cottage has been massively extended but at the end of the 19th century was probably a tied or rented property. I think my ancestors can only have lived there for a relatively short time as they don't appear there in other censuses. But it's quite rewarding to tie a building in with one's family history. I haven't been brave enough to knock on the door and ask to look around.

Furlong Cottage is in Halmonds Frome, a tiny hamlet about a mile to the east of Bishops Frome. It is half way between Bishops Frome and Acton Beauchamp. Henry Goodwin, the second son, was baptised in Acton Beauchamp in 1873 which suggests that the family were still living in the area at that time.

Born on the wrong side of the blanket

Mary Ann Hobday was born in 1863 in Bishops Frome. She was the illegitimate child of Jane Hobday that my uncle mentioned. I tried to follow her life in the Bromyard area but drew a blank as there was no evidence that she married locally or a death certificate under her maiden name. I had to cast my net wider.

I used the genealogy website to look for Mary Ann in the Aston area and came across a Mary Ann Hobday in the 1881 census in the neighbouring district of Handsworth. According to the record this girl was "in service" there. She had been born in 1863 but her place of birth was given as Frome, Somerset rather than Bishops Frome, Herefordshire. I have no doubt that this is a clerical error and I am now convinced that Mary Ann came to Birmingham at the same time as her mother and half brothers.

I traced Mary Ann through the record and found that she had married in Tamworth but was widowed early and spent the final years of her life in Aston, only one street away from John Goodwin, my great grandfather and her half brother. Both siblings died in 1943, Mary Ann at the age of 80. My uncle would have been in his late teens at the time but was clearly unaware of the relationship. I'm guessing that in view of the illegitimacy the family suppressed the story to such an extent that it was assumed that she was "left behind".

Skeleton in the cupboard

Shortly after I started my genealogy research I had my DNA analysed and through that I made contact with a number of distant relatives some of whom I was able to incorporate into my family tree. One match was particularly intriguing. It was with a lady named Lesley who according to the DNA was probably a third cousin which meant that we had 2x great grandparents in common. We were unable to identify our shared 2x great grandparents but soon realised that we both who had great grandfathers had been born in Bishops Frome. Lesley's great grandfather, James Turner, had been illegitimate and lived with his grandparents. There was no other possible point of contact as Lesley's other ancestral lines had originated in East Anglia and the south of England whereas mine had been in the Midlands.

James Turner had been born in the Halmonds Frome area of Bishops Frome in September 1867. No father's name appears on the birth registration or baptismal record. The 1871 census shows James living with his grandparents in Rose Cottage, Halmonds Frome.

Thomas Goodwin, my 2x great grandfather, was certainly living in the area in 1870 as that is when he married Jane Hobday in Bishops Frome. He had been born in Yatton, Aymestrey in 1848 but there is no record of his move to Bishops Frome. However it is more than likely given the DNA evidence that he was the father of James Turner. As Lesley puts it "they obviously had a great Christmas in 1866!" We cannot know the relationship dynamics of the individuals involved and it's entirely possible that James was unaware of his paternity. There's certainly no evidence that Thomas and James kept in touch. Nevertheless I am convinced that Thomas Goodwin was both Lesley and my 2x great grandfather.

Londoners after all?

Jane Hobday came from Bromyard. Her ancestry all appears to be from the local area. However Thomas Goodwin came from Yatton, near Aymestrey. So we now step back another generation.

Thomas' parents were **John Thomas Goodwin (b1807)** and **Jane Mayo (b1814)**. John and Jane were married in Eye, Herefordshire in May 1835. The census records show that they lived in Yatton but Jane died in 1854. Three years later John married Elizabeth Pheasant and the census of 1861 confirms the residence as being Yatton with the 12 year old Thomas present. John died in 1884.

John Goodwin's history I found to be the most enigmatic and fascinating part of the whole story of my ancestry. It stems from the fact that he was born near or in London, most probably in Lambeth, but ended up as an agricultural labourer in rural Herefordshire. How and why this happened is a mystery.

The evidence for this comes from the censuses. The 1851 census gives John's place of birth as Lambeth. Subsequent censuses give a more vague origin in London. In each case John's occupation is given as an "agricultural labourer" although in the last census of his lifetime (1881) John is described as a "small farmer of four acres".

John's parents were most probably **Richard Goodwin (b1771)** and **Sarah Cambridge (b1774)** who lived in Lambeth. Richard was a butcher and according to his will owned a number of properties. When he died in 1826 his property and business passed to Sarah and when she died in 1837 we assume that the wealth was passed on to their children. Indeed many of the provisions of Richard's will are to ensure that the money passes to their children after Sarah's death and not to any potential second husband.

So I suppose that's the conundrum. How did the son of a prosperous butcher in Lambeth end up as an agricultural labourer in Herefordshire? Over the years I've entertained a number of theories but none have been all that convincing.

The first one is that I have misidentified John Goodwin. This is unlikely as the censuses from 1851 onward point to John's origin in the London area.

Moreover I have recently come across a document held by HARC which shows that John bought the mortgage of a property in Aymestrey in 1862. I would have thought that this would have been way beyond the means of an agricultural labourer and hints at a more affluent origin.

Jane Mayo was from Kingsland. She married John Goodwin in 1835 in nearby Eye. Presumably they met locally but it's difficult to work out how this could have happened. I've considered John doing some sort of military service but can't find any documentation relating to this. Maybe he became estranged from his family and his wonderings took him to Herefordshire? Alternatively could his relocation be related to the family business? Perhaps he came into contact with Jane through the meat trade? I know next to nothing about Jane's family. Her father William Mayo is very sketchy but her brother, another William, worked as a farm labourer also in Yatton.

Whatever the reason for the move I've traced John's lineage back a further two generations in Lambeth to his great grandfather who lived in the first half of the 18th century. And there the trail ends.

Back to my roots

As I've already mentioned I started this research during the Covid Crisis. We had just moved house from Sutton Coldfield on the outskirts of Birmingham to the Bromyard area. Imagine my surprise when I found out that we'd moved to within a few miles of Bishops Frome, my "ancestral village"! I was also amazed to find that my family had connections with Aymestrey, a village I was already familiar, with because for many years we had a second home in the area.

Sadly my father died about 18 months ago. As I was clearing his house I came across family history research that he had done without my knowledge. It was about thirty years ago and he had employed the services of a professional genealogist. I was gratified to see that he had reached similar conclusions. The paternal descent matched the one I had constructed and he had come to the conclusion that although the Goodwin men had all married local Herefordshire girls their origin was in Lambeth, then in Surrey.

Request for help

My research has more or less ground to a halt. I would be grateful for any help anyone can give me. I'd be particularly interested if anyone has any information about the Herefordshire Goodwins, Mayos, or Hobdays. I know that there is a Goodwin family that live in Yatton but they are unrelated. I would also welcome suggestions as to how and why John Goodwin came to be in Herefordshire. Please feel free to contact me on iangoodwin@msn.com

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NOT GOING WITH THE FLOW

In 1980, the place to order any birth, marriage and death certificate for England and Wales was St Catherine's House, in London. I went there for the first time in February 1980. Like many, I was to discover that there would be no quick answers. All you could do was find a reference, order a certificate and, if you were lucky, the correct item would arrive, by post, about a week later. On that day I ordered the birth certificate of my paternal grandmother, Rebecca (Becky) STEAD. I already knew where and when she was born, but my dad was unable to tell me the names of her parents.

Rebecca was born 31st October 1881 at Leysters Pole, the seventh of eight children to James STEAD and Ellen SHEPHERD. Of course, there were others who could have told me this had I been more patient. My greatest source of information was dad's cousin Vera, a widow and daughter of Becky's younger sister Frances Annie. I had never met Vera, but I had been in contact the previous year, asking for the address of her late brother's Italian widow, as I had started learning Italian. In September 1980 Vera told me that her oldest niece Marisa and her fiancé were visiting from Naples, and invited me to stay at her home in Church Stretton. I did not have much Italian practice, but I did come away with photos and pages of family history information, back to Vera's grandparents' generation.

Over the next few years, I visited London as often as possible and shared my time between St Catherine's and nearby Portugal Street, where census records could be viewed (only 1841 – 1871 had been released, at that time). I also visited Vera several times and travelled by train from Church Stretton to the Hereford Record Office and we visited many of the Herefordshire villages associated with our ancestors.

Great grandfather, James STEAD was born 2nd February 1844, at Brimfield, the second of 12 children of James STEAD and Mary WALL. In 1851, James STEAD senior and his family were living at Brimfield Cross, and I considered myself very fortunate to discover the household contained John Stead, father aged 81 and born at Bishops Frome (Frome). Living in Sheffield I would have to wait for an opportunity to visit the Herefordshire Record Office, as Herefordshire was sparsely covered by the International Genealogical Index.

At my first opportunity to view the Bishop Frome registers I was disappointed that there was no John Stead born 1769/70, or other Stead (or its common variant Steed) baptisms around that time. There were earlier entries from the first half of the 18th century. I looked in the surrounding parishes and found the baptism of John STEAD (I will call him John STEAD1 for clarity) at the adjacent parish of

Acton Beauchamp on 17th April 1768 to John and Elizabeth STEAD. There were a few other children baptised to the couple. John STEAD2 had married Elizabeth CHURCH in 1758, but the marriage licence revealed that Elizabeth was a widow; she had been briefly married to Samuel CHURCH, was born Elizabeth BUCKLE, and baptised in 1729 at Acton Beauchamp to John BUCKLE and Susannah NASH.

John STEAD2, was baptised at Bishops Frome in 1731 to John STEAD3 and his wife Elizabeth DUSON, who had married at Bromyard in 1726, where the register records them as “both of Bishops Frome”.

What is certain is that **my** John STEAD married Martha DAVIES in 1804 at Ludford, Shropshire and raised a family of nine children, whilst living in the hamlet of Huntingdon, part of the parish of Ashford Carbonell. By early 1837 at the latest, John and Martha had moved across the border to Little Hereford, as Martha’s burial at Ashford Carbonell, in February of that year states that she was “of Stony Cross”, part of Little Hereford. In 1841 he was living at Stony Cross with his younger children and his daughter Lucy CHILTON and her family, when he is stated to be aged 60. He died in March 1860, in Leysters and his death was registered by son in law George JONES, husband of daughter Maria, who gave his age as 96!

Fast forward to 1995 when my mother, an enthusiastic family historian, informed me with that a lady in Kent had formed a STEAD One-Name Society. At the time I was preoccupied with my own wedding arrangements, so she decided to send the information on my behalf. A few months later I received a letter from a young man, who admitted he had not been doing family history very long, but disputed my version of events. He believed that John did not come from Bishop’s Frome but from Onibury, in Shropshire, where a John Stead was baptised in 1777. He gave greater credence to the 1841 census, aged 60 and not born in the county than the 1851 census where he named his birthplace.

The 1804 marriage at Ludford is the first positive record, but it was a parish where marriages considerably outweighed the number of baptisms and burials. Ashford Carbonell is the first place he is known to have lived. By modern roads Onibury is about 9 miles to the north and Bishops Frome is about 22 miles to the south-east. Whilst Onibury might be nearer, and the age fits the 1841 census, I cannot understand why, if he had spent his life in Shropshire, he would name a more distant parish, in the opposite direction, to be his birthplace. It was possible to mistake birthplace for place of growing up, but not to be that far out.

With the advent of the internet, I have found a significant number of 2nd, 3rd and 4th Stead cousins (my records show that John and Martha had 64 grandchildren), initially from Genes Reunited and then from Ancestry trees. Most show the Onibury connection, and mostly copied from this assertion made nearly 20 years

ago. I have expressed my view, but the reply is something like “I see your point, but I’ll go with the majority.” I have kept an open mind, merely asked for evidence. Almost everyone now adds the Onibury John STEAD, accepting it as fact.

Why? I would always seek some evidence before adding a new fact, rather than believing it must be true.

For years, because of this discrepancy, I had never added my version to my tree on Ancestry, but a few years ago, I decided to put an alternative version out there. I have also had my DNA and that of my brother and sister, tested on Ancestry. Between us, Ancestry has suggested matches with 2 siblings of John STEAD2 (b 1731), a sibling of Elizabeth BUCKLE, a sibling of Elizabeth DUSON and Mary sister of John STEAD1 (bap 1768 Acton Beauchamp). These are at lower levels (less than 20cM shared), and sometimes difficult to follow, so I would not suggest it proves anything, but I feel it does not harm my case. One also has a match with one of my close Stead cousins.

Undoubtedly, there are unanswered questions – if my man is correct, what did he do for his first 36 years? Could he have been the John Stead who married Mary Pember in neighbouring Evesbatch, in 1794, and had a son John later that year? I have not managed to trace them. John’s parents John and Elizabth were both buried at Acton Beauchamp aged 83 and 63.



I admit I have not been able to eliminate the Onibury John Stead either.

But until I get proof, I am not going with the flow.

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Rebecca and Frances Annie Stead

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Herefordshire FHS Burial Index

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The period 1813-1839 is now complete and available via webshop PDF.

Requests for look-up of specific surnames, including Pre-1813 burials, with first names and / or parish if the name is very popular to:

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Herefordshire Strays Index

The Society holds a Strays Index, which is available for look-ups and which we invite additions to.

So what is a Stray ?

A stray is someone found in archives or documents out of their county of birth, in our case Herefordshire. This index is available via e-mail and by post from the Editor, searched by Surname.

The Strays Index is available on the Members Area of the website along with other resources.

www.herefordshirefhs.org.uk

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